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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Meeting convened at 1000 hours.

There were present:

Mr. Earl Coss	Army, Chairman
Mr. Lawrence E. Brice, Jr.	Navy
Lt. Col. James T. DeVoss	JCS
Mr. William F. Farrell	Army
Mr. Milton Giffler	Air Force
Mr. Lawrence C. Hart	Air Force
Col. Richard Kimball	Army
Mr. Frank McCaffrey	OSD
Mr. Martin J. McMahon	Maritime
Dr. Gustav Pollaczek	State
Mr. John Shyburg	Commerce
Mr. William T. Staats	Air Force
Mr. Ernst A. Van Es	Commerce

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Report of the Chairman

1. Information: Mr. Coss reported that a meeting had been held with the Bureau of Public Roads and the Department of State regarding an exchange visit with Poland in the field of highway transport. The Bureau of Public Roads definitely intends to sponsor such an exchange and the Department of State expects to be able to arrange a visit for US highway experts to Poland, possibly in June 1959.

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Mr. Clyde Perry of the Army is working with representatives of the Bureau of Public Roads on the itinerary and scope of the visit of US highway experts to Poland.

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Report of the Secretary

4. Information: The Secretary asked for comments on the minutes of the meeting held on 28 August 1958. Since there were no comments the minutes were assumed to be approved. The Secretary read a letter of appreciation sent to [redacted] upon the termination of his membership on the Subcommittee which was signed by the Chairman and the Secretary. He also informed the Subcommittee that [redacted] Vice Chairman of the EIC, presented [redacted] with a letter of commendation for his services with the EIC and Subcommittees.

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Report of the Working Group Chairmen

5. Information: Mr. Farrell reported that the study recently completed by the Transportation Capabilities Estimates Group on the capability of railroads through Eastern Europe has now been published as ACSI Study No. 17-32. He mentioned also that the Army has recently completed a study of the capability of railways and roads to service military units in invading the Middle East from the USSR. This study is available in draft form and may be consulted by the membership of the Subcommittee. The Army is also bringing to completion a study on Bloc railways electrification and diesellization programs.

Progress Report on Revision of Methodology for the Computation of Railroad Capability

6. Information: With respect to the proposal to review the methodology for the computation of railroad capabilities, Mr. Farrell reported that a meeting to discuss this problem will be held in mid-November.

Discussion of the Status of Proposed Exchanges with the USSR and Poland in the Field of Transportation

7. Information: The status of the exchanges with Poland has been submitted under the report of the Chairman. The Secretary reported that the Department of State has submitted an Aide Memoire to the Russian Government

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Presentation of Information on the Trade Controls Enforcement Problem

8. Information: Mr. Van Es introduced Mr. John A. Shyburg, Chief, Investigation Branch, Export Control Staff, Department of Commerce, who presented an instructive and interesting report on the trade controls enforcement problem. The Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Subcommittee to Mr. Shyburg for his excellent presentation.

Presentation of the Department of State Transportation Research Program

9. Information: Dr. Pollaczek reported on the research program of the Department of State in the field of transportation. He pointed out that the Foreign Service collects a tremendous amount of valuable information on transportation which is used throughout the community and particularly in the NIS program. The bulk of transportation research is centered in the research area of the Department of State, Office of Intelligence Research, where various types of transportation intelligence is included in the preparation of Section 64 of the NIS program. In addition, the Department produces considerable transportation intelligence in connection with work on Sino-Soviet Bloc economic penetration of Free World areas. The "Green" reports usually originate with Mr. Edwin Jones or Dr. Pollaczek. Dr. Pollaczek emphasized the political significance of much of the research done in the transportation field. Projects which are planned for the future include the following: "The Communist Merchant Marine," "The Inter-Communist Railway Organization," "Current Ocean Freight Rates and Prices on the Sale of Used Merchant Ships," "Transportation Problems in the European Coal and Steel Community."

Consideration of Model Terms of Reference for Subcommittees of the EIC

10. Information: The Secretary submitted a minor amendment to the proposed Model Terms of Reference suggested by the EIC Secretariat.

11. Action: After consideration of the proposed Model Terms of Reference the Subcommittee agreed that the terms of reference were acceptable in terms of the responsibilities of the Subcommittee. It was decided that the Subcommittee should recommend to the EIC that the Model Terms of Reference be approved as the terms of reference for the Subcommittee on Transportation.

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